

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Fig. 6 and replaces the original sheet with Fig. 6.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 are amended. Support for the amendments to claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 may be found in p. 12, line 22 - p. 13, line 10 and in Figs. 6 and 7, for example. No new matter is added.

The Office Action objects to the drawings. A replacement drawing sheet for Fig. 6 is herein filed to obviate this objection. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully solicited.

The Office Action objects to the specification because of alleged informalities, and indicates that the concerns of the Office Action should be addressed if claims are to be allowed. However, the Office Action only makes a large number of suggestions, which appear to be aesthetic in nature (e.g. "suggest 'determine' or similar word instead of 'find out'"). As such, the alleged informalities do not "render it difficult to consider the application, or to arrange the papers for printing or copying", and thus the amendments suggested by the Office Action are unnecessary to place the pending claims in condition for allowance. See MPEP §608.01(q) (*citing* 37 CFR 1.125(a)). Withdrawal of the objections to the specification are respectfully solicited.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Goffinet (U.S. 5,905,906) in view of Hansen (U.S. 7,185,014) and claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Goffinet and Hansen, in view of Tateyama. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts Goffinet discloses acquiring from a second device both model information ... and identification information. See Office Action p. 9, citing Goffinet col. 22, lines 12-14. However, Applicants respectfully submit that Goffinet does not disclose, and would not have suggested, the acquiring from the second device occurring automatically in response to the second device reaching a state in which the second device is both

connected to the information processing apparatus and turned on, as recited in claim 1, and similarly recited in claims 2, 6, 7 and 8.

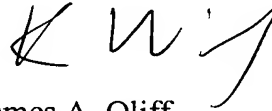
In col. 22, lines 12-14, Goffinet discloses that those printers having bi-directional communications capabilities are noted with an asterisk, such as that indicated by index number 212. However, this passage merely discloses that a display displaying a list of printers may place an asterisk next to those printers which have a bi-directional communication capability. See Fig. 8. Nothing in this passage, or in all of Goffinet, discloses, or would have suggested, the acquiring from the second device occurring automatically in response to the second device reaching a state in which the second device is both connected to the information processing apparatus and turned on, as recited in claim 1, and similarly recited in claims 2, 6, 7 and 8. Additionally, Applicants respectfully submit that Hansen and Tateyama are silent regarding the acquiring from the second device occurring automatically in response to the second device reaching a state in which the second device is both connected to the information processing apparatus and turned on, as recited in claim 1, and similarly recited in claims 2, 6, 7 and 8.

In view of the above, Goffinet, Hansen and Tateyama do not disclose, and would not have suggested, the subject matter recited in claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8. Claims 3, 4 and 5 depend from claim 2. Thus, Goffinet, Hansen and Tateyama do not disclose, and would not have suggested, the subject matter recited in claims 1-8. Withdrawal of the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully solicited.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-8 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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